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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Timothy James REGAN
For : METHOD OF MODIFYING AN
INTEGRATED CIRCUIT
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to substantive examination of the above-referenced patent
application, applicant respectfully requests amendment of the application as follows:

**(THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS ARE MADE TO THE
CLAIMS AS AMENDED BEFORE THE PCT INTERNATIONAL
AUTHORITIES. SUBSTITUTE SHEETS SHOWING THE
CLAIMS AS PENDING BEFORE ENTRY OF THIS
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT ARE ANNEXED TO THE
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT
(IPER) SUBMITTED HEREWITH)**